

President's Weekly Report



HARTNELL COLLEGE

MISSION:

Focusing on the education and workforce development needs of communities in the Salinas Valley. Hartnell College strengthens communities by providing opportunities for students to reach career and/or academic goals (associate degrees, certificates of achievement, transfer to four-year institutions) in an environment committed to student learning, achievement and success.

Share your news!

The President's Weekly Report highlights accomplishment, engagement, progress and success for and within the Hartnell College Community. Please send information and photos by each Wednesday to sfaust@hartnell.edu.

Students selected as semifinalists for prestigious Cooke scholarship

Hartnell sophomores Jane Sanchez Hernandez and Lupita Rodriguez were announced on Feb. 24 as semifinalists for the prestigious and highly competitive Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Transfer Scholarship for Undergraduate Transfer. The scholarship provides \$60,000 for three years, plus mentoring.

Hernandez (pictured at top), in pre-nursing, and Rodriguez, studying sociology, were among 440 semifinalists chosen from among more than 1,200 applicants attending 180 community colleges in 35 states. Both are participants in Hartnell's SSS/TRiO program and received guidance and letters of recommendation from its director, Manuel Bersamin. Hernandez is a pre-nursing student is the student trustee on the Hartnell Governing Board and president of the Associated Students of Hartnell College, and Rodriguez is editor of the Panther Pride student newsletter and president of the PRIDE Club.

The scholarship provides up to \$55,000 a year for three years, plus mentoring. The 75 winners will be announced in April. Hartnell students received it in 2015, 2016, 2019 and 2020.



Opening event celebrates Umoja Village in Merrill Hall

A gathering of students, staff and special guests on Feb. 23 celebrated the opening of Hartnell's new Umoja Village in room 3 of Merrill Hall, a place where Black students and the college community can gather to meet, discuss, socialize and learn.

Following a blessing by counselor and Umoja organizer Tony Anderson, Program Coordinator Victoria Coleman thanked the group for "supporting us, supporting our students and making sure this is a blessed space."

Dr. Romero Jalomo, vice president of student affairs, shared the two-year journey of organizing an Umoja Community at Hartnell, intended to ensure a welcoming and engaging experience for Black students in particular. He said he hopes employees will visit and use the space, as well as students.

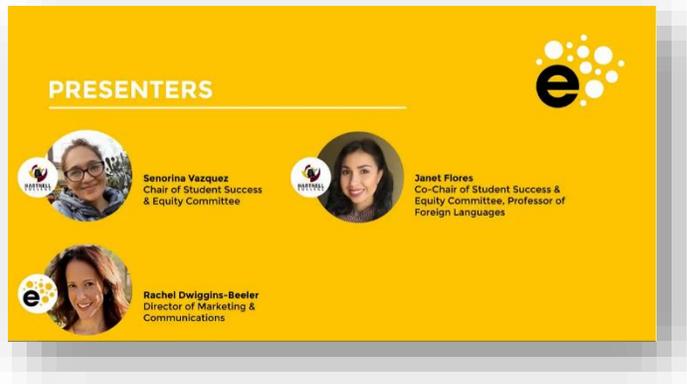
Hartnell Governing Board member Candi DePauw shared her appreciation, acknowledging "a lot of hard work and effort and networking" to establish the village. Andrea Zarate, early childhood education instructor, also shared her joy and good wishes.



(Pictured: Counselor Tony Anderson (left), Victoria Coleman and student speaker Javier Menjivar.)

Hartnell teams share equity work during 2 nationwide presentations

Work by Hartnell faculty to implement equity-minded teaching practices that serve students of differing abilities, ethnicities and ages was twice presented to nationwide higher education audiences in recent weeks. The first presentation was at the Feb. 15 Achieving the Dream Conference, and the second was a Feb. 22 webinar hosted by student-learning software developer eLumen. Both drew more than 120 online viewers.



The Achieving the Dream presentation, titled “Faculty Lead Institutional Change: A Focus on Equity,” included Hartnell’s Student Success and Equity Rubric, an eLumen data load used for learning outcome assessment, a cultural curriculum audit and efforts to prioritize equity-based resource requests in the Program Planning and Assessment (PPA) process. Presenters were Nina Vazquez, Dr. Guy Hanna, Dave Beymer and Cheryl O’Donnell, who are members of four Academic Senate committees: the Student Success and Equity Committee (SS&E), the Outcomes and Assessment Committee, the Curriculum Committee and

the PPA team. Achieving the Dream is a nonprofit organization focused on evidence-based student success strategies for community college students.

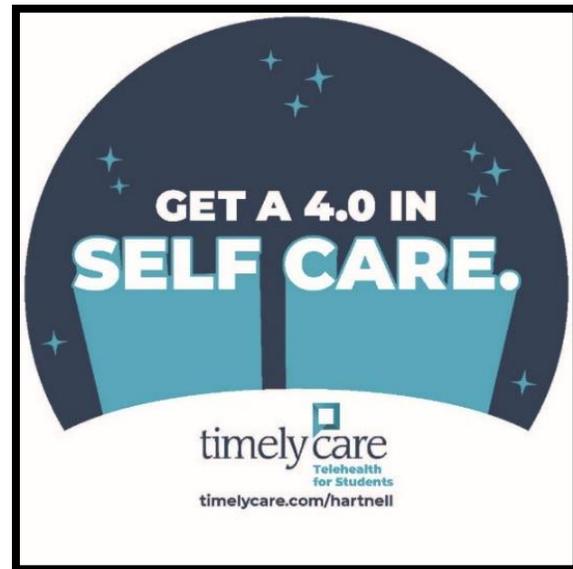
In the second presentation, titled “Equity Rubric for Student Success”, SS&E committee members Nina Vazquez and Janet Flores presented the five dimensions of the rubric, explaining how the rubric was developed and sharing examples of how to incorporate its five dimensions into teaching practices. Comments in the chat expressed strong interest in the work of the committee, and immediately following, two colleges requested additional presentations.

Student mental telehealth service supplements on-campus counseling

TimelyCare, a new 24/7 mental telehealth service launched on Feb. 22 will allow Hartnell students to talk to a licensed provider from their smartphone or any web-enabled device within minutes, around the clock. Licensed providers are available to offer mental health support via phone or secure video chats.

These new services are intended to supplement, not replace, the opportunity to meet with a professional therapist through Hartnell's Crisis Counseling & Emotional Wellness Services, either in-person or virtually.

The following free services are now available through TimelyCare: On-demand access to a mental health professional to talk about anything at anytime, scheduled options to speak to a licensed counselor (up to 12 visits per year), psychiatric services by referral, health coaching on things like nutrition and sleep issues, access to low- or reduced-cost community basic needs services and group sessions in meditation, yoga and specialized discussions.



Cash for College workshop draws 83 for financial aid help and info

A “Cash for College” informational event presented on Feb. 26 by Hartnell’s Financial Aid team was attended by 83 students and parents who received help completing financial aid applications and learning about scholarship opportunities.



The event from 8-11 a.m. in Building E on Main Campus was held in person for the first time since 2020, giving participants the opportunity to attend presentations on the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and CADAA (California Dream Act Application), as well as receive one-on-one assistance with completing the applications, in both English and Spanish.

It was open to Hartnell students, employee families and the public, regardless of what college a student plans to attend in 2022-23. The timing was especially urgent because federal and state financial aid applications for the 2022-23 academic year are due March 2, as are applications for Hartnell scholarships.

“Having the opportunity to serve our students in person felt great,” said Director of Financial Aid Jessica Tovar. “FA staff truly showed our first core value at Hartnell: ‘Students First.’ I want to give a big thank you to Michaela Bridges, Ramon Serrano, Kevin Ow and our student ambassadors for their hard work, as well as financial aid staff and our enrollment specialist.”

(Pictured: Financial aid specialist Lenni Chavez provides assistance in the one-on-one lab.)

Campus veterans center to hold student, family open house March 9



The Hartnell Veteran Services Center will hold an open house from 12-2 p.m. on March 9 in its offices in room C-138, adjacent to the Office of Student Life in the Student Center. The event will welcome student veterans and their family members to learn more about the support and services available to them. Food and refreshments will be available.

“We are holding this event to reintroduce the Veteran Services Center to everyone, especially currently enrolled students,” said Ligia Polio, the college’s veterans certifying official. “We want attendees to know we are here to help, guide, and

support student veterans and their families. It is not just about helping with GI Bill Benefits. Our goal is to create a sense of belonging and a welcoming and safe environment.”

Veteran services include priority registration, referral to campus and community resources, academic counseling , Veterans Club activities and monthly Veterans Mobile Services for medical, disability claims and readjustment counseling.

King City students tour Alisal, Main campuses in collaborative event for college readiness

Portola-Butler High School in King City partnered with Hartnell's Office of College Readiness to facilitate a Feb. 22 field trip for 30 students to both the Alisal and Main campuses. The morning started with a tour of the Alisal Campus and its programs, technology and learning tools, led by Dean Clint Cowden and Program Assistant Celia Anderson. Following a tour of the Main Campus, the group received lunch, along with brief introductions of staff, programs and services offered by Office of Equity Programs, EOPS, Nursing/Allied Health, Library Services and Student Academic Support.



Three of the students in the group are enrolled in the dual enrollment course offered as part of our College and Career Access Pathway Partnership Agreement with the South Monterey County Joint Union High School District. Program assistant Geri Alonzo from College Readiness organized the experience, and Moises Almendariz and Leda Polio from HSI Initiatives provided support.

“The collaboration, patience and coordination amongst Hartnell College staff was on display and made for a quality student experience at our campuses!” said Laurencia Walker, director of student affairs for college readiness. (Pictured: Marlene Tapia (EOPS program assistant); Moises Almendariz (HSI Initiatives director); Isaac Hernandez and Cynthia Ainsworth (library technician and student services librarian).

FARMS Leadership Program brings Gonzales, Soquel students to Alisal

Students from Gonzales and Soquel high schools participated in the FARMS Leadership Program at Hartnell’s Alisal Campus on Feb. 15.

Led by Program Assistant Celia Anderson, students toured the diesel-driving simulation lab, completed a microscope slide preparation with instructional associate Julio Martinez (pictured), received a tour of the Manufacturing/Mechatronics Lab from instructor Richard Chapman, participated in a Maker Space activity led by K-12 Stem Director Julia Stephens Carrillo, with support from program assistants Samuel Garcia and Leticia Sanchez. They also received information on Career Prep and Placement Services from Director Belen Gonzales and Coordinator Dina Uribe.



FARMS Leadership is a program organized by the Center for Land-Based Learning to introduce, train and recruit high school students for careers in agriculture and environmental sciences.



Women's Basketball players named to All-Conference teams

The Hartnell Women's Basketball program is celebrating the inclusion of two standout players, Leslie Jauregui and Tori Gillette, on the 2021-22 All-Conference teams for the Coast Conference-South Division of the California Community College Athletic Association.

Jauregui, a freshman from North Salinas High, was named First Team All-Conference, and Gillette, a freshman from Rexburg, Idaho, was named Second Team All-Conference. They were the Panthers' top scorers and rebounders this season, playing all 24 games. Jauregui scored 194 points and Gillette scored 141. Jauregui averaged 13.8 rebounds per game and Gillette averaged 6.9. (Pictured: Jauregui shooting and Gillette at left against Foothill on Dec. 22.)

Photographer and alum takes free portraits for students and employees

Cesar Ruvalcaba, who studied photography at Hartnell from 2015-18, joined with the Theatre & Cinema program and the Salinas Valley Arts & Innovation Hub to provide free portrait photography for 42 students, faculty and staff on Feb. 15-16.

He co-founded of New Hollywood Wasteland (NHW Films), an independent film production team based in Salinas with fellow Hartnell alum Johnny Ray Avila.



(Pictured: Ruvalcaba takes a photo of theatre and cinema instructor Dr. Marnie Glazier on Feb. 16 in the Old Planetarium.)

In the News

New Health Sciences Building, Supportive Programs at Hartnell College are Helping to Prepare the Next Generation of Nursing Students: <https://mailchi.mp/mbep/regional-report-focusing-on-equity?e=a6cde44dcc>

Hartnell to Offer Plant Science Pathway at Castroville Center:
<https://www.pageturnpro.com/NORCAL-Community-Newspaper-Group/103635-Central-Coast-Agriculture-Winter-2022/sdefault.html#page/2>

En época de inflación cuando el costo de vida es alto, la fundación del colegio Hartnell y United Way estan brindando asistencia para el pago:
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=4727453770685454>

College Baseball – Czaplak laying down a foundation for the future at Hartnell:
<https://www.montereyherald.com/2022/02/18/college-baseball-czaplak-laying-down-a-foundation-for-the-future-at-hartnell/>

Community College Athlete of the Week:
<https://www.montereyherald.com/2022/02/22/college-athlete-of-the-week-51/>

Upcoming Events

Softball vs. Cuesta (Doubleheader)
12 p.m. & 2 p.m.
Tuesday, March 1
Hartnell Softball Field

Baseball vs. West Valley
2 p.m.
Tuesday, March 1
Tony Teresa Diamond

Hartnell Governing Board
5 p.m.
Tuesday, March 1
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

Superintendent/President search – online announcement of finalists
Wednesday, March 2

Baseball vs. San Mateo

1 p.m.

Saturday, March 5

Tony Teresa Diamond

Baseball vs. MPC

2 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8

Tony Teresa Diamond

Veteran Services Center Open House

12-2 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9

Building C, room 138

Open Forums for Superintendent/President Finalists

Time and location TBA

Friday, March 11

Baseball vs. Ohlone

1 p.m.

Saturday, March 12

Tony Teresa Diamond

Hartnell Governing Board -- Development Meeting

5 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15

Steinbeck Hall (Building C)